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continue with all prongs of the...of the proposal that we now have in place. I believe that by advancing LB 687, it is one way to show our state and county employees that we do value them. They are important to the work that we do, and we want to keep them. With that, I close and ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Retirement Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. We're now debating advancement of the bill. Senator Bruning, you're recognized to close on advancement of the bill.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. Speaker, I would yield the closing to Senator Stuhr, if she...if she cares to.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr. I take it closing is waived. It is. And the question before the body is the advancement of LB 687. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Voting on advancement. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 687.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 687 advances. We next move to LB 564.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 564. It's a bill introduced by Senator Laker. (Read title.) Introduced on January 12 of last year, at that time referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. As you just